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PLEASE REPLY TO DAVIS

December 12, 1975

Mr. Eric Newman P. O. Box 14020 St. Louis, Missouri 63178

Dear Mr. Newman:

I have been contaced by Mrs. M. Alice Conner on an unrelated matter. During the course of our conversation she indicated that she was desirous of having you appraise certain currency which she is interested in selling. Toward that end I am enclosing, in plastic covers, those bills. A list of the dates, denominations, serial numbers and signatories of which are appended hereto.

Mrs. Conner did request that, to the extent possible, the currency be kept in the same order as it now appears in the plastic cases.

 $\begin{tabular}{ll} Additionally, Mrs. Conner would appreciate an acknowledgment of receipt of the enclosures. \end{tabular}$

As I have indicated, Mrs. Conner was consulting me on totally different matters. There is no reason why you should not communicate directly with her in the future.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. Otherwise, I would like to thank you in advance for your courtesy in this regard.

Very truly yours,

JAMES A. CALLAWAY, JR.

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Enclosures

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DATE	DENOMINATION	SERIAL #	SIGNATORIES	
9/26/1778	\$30.00	301400	I. Helm	I. Grav
9/26/1778	30.00	133659	Donnell	Snowden
1/14/1779	40.00	131193(?)	Ramsev	Farrall
1/14/1779	2.00	33839	Helm	Gray
9/26/1778	60.00	54439	Roberts	Ian (?)
5/10/1775	1.00	26488	Lewis	
9/26/1778	30.00	261030	Watkins	Bright
9/26/1778	20.00	207795	Roberts	Lyon
1/14/1779	40.00	32709	Wm. Stretch(?)	
9/26/1778	20.00	265702	Leacock	Stretch (?)
9/26/1778	20.00	11468	Gathier	Snowden
7/22/1776	6.00	?	Walker (?)	Evans
1/14/1779	20.00	33337	Grav	Helm
1/14/1779	60.00	31538	Stretch	Leacock
11/29/1775	3.00	23877.	Howell	Roberts
11/29/1775	6.00	8821	Campbell	?
9/26/1778	50.00	99693	Lyons	?
9/26/1778	40.00	230043	Fox	Donnell
9/26/1778	30.00	109138	Lyon	Roberts
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1/14/1779	40.00	120704	Snowden	Gamble
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9/26/1778	5.00	108714	Walter	
9/26/1778	20.00	85233	Snowden	Donnell
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DAVIS, CALIFORNIA 95616

June 22, 1976

Mr. Eric P. Newman St. Louis, Mo.

Greetings again-

After a family conference we have decided to try and sell part of the continental money out here as the prices are much better than we had anticipated.

We are anxiously awaiting publication of your book, as are others who have become interested in the money as a result of our display being passed around. Many schools, libraries and city offices have used the display and thousands of children and adults have viewed it. For the month of July Allen Jr. is putting the whole display back in his store, then it will "travel" again. We have received a letter from a gentleman in Rhode Island telling us the display should be in Brown University since Jabez Bowen was Chancellor of that University for some 30 years!

I am going to be away most of the next month and will appreciate it if you can send the money back to my attorney . He will hold it for me. His address is: Jas A. Callaway, Jr., 401 2nd St., Davis Ca 95616. I assume you will insure or register it, . whatever is safest.

I have enjoyed our communication and appreciate your increasing our interest in the continental currency.

Sincerely

D'Alice Couner

Cl: Callaway

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

December 17, 1975

Mrs. M. Alice Conner P. O. Box 212 Davis, CA 95616

Dear Mrs. Conner:

Your Continental Currency arrived in good order.

I was asked by your attorney to reply directly to you.

The condition of the bills is generally nice, but there are only a very few bills in choice condition. There is one of the rare Yorktown issue dated April 11, 1778 and that \$4 bill is only very good. Its catalog value is \$85,00.

The new catalog 35.00 will show all of the Sept. 26, 1778 issues at \$20 in fine condition and \$35 in very fine. The Jan. 14, 1779 will be \$30 in fine condition and \$60 in very fine.

Do you want retail selling prices to third parties or wholesale prices? What do you want to do? Do you want to give any away and take a tax deduction? Do you want me to straighten out the notes? Let me hear from you.

Sincerely,

Eric P. Newman

EPN: jah



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DAVIS, CALIFORNIA 95616

December 23, 1975

Mr. Eric P. Newman St. Louis, Missouri

Dear Mr. Newman:

When cleaning out my desk today I discovered photos taken of the continental currency displayed in a frame in my son's store. I thought you might like to see them. I also discovered another piece between the pages of a book I hadn't read for some time. I'll xerox it for you. It took some coaxing to get the Post Office to insure the currency. My attorney said the magic word!

Two weeks ago the owner of the Huston's stores on the west coast, Mr. Samberg, was killed in an auto accident. It has surely dampened our Christmas spirit. Allen Jr. had spent the day with him in Berkeley at a sales manager's meeting and they were to go deep sea fishing the next day. Mr. Samberg was such a dynamic man and had exerted a great influence on my son. Mr. Samberg has a brother in Boston (more Huston shoe stores) who may take over out here. When shopping in the Arden Fair Mall in Sacramento last week I noted a Leeds store which seemed to be very busy.

I will be interested to know the value of the continental currency. Since we have displayed it in the Redding store there have been many inquiries about it and many banks want to rent or borrow the display for 1976.

Have a happy holiday.

Sincerely,

M. Alice Conner

PO Box 212

Davis California 95616

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December 29, 1975

Greetings Mr. Newman:

This will be in haster-our letters apparently crossed paths. To peply to your question--yes, I would be interested to know roughly what value the money would be. Since I am supporting our family and also since I have a stock market loss, I do not need a tax shelter at this point.

None of my family seems to be interested in keeping the currency as a collector's item, but I hesitate to sell it if the value will keep increasing. Is there a lot of continental money "floating around"? Are there many who might be interested in buying it?

I note my attorney asked that you keep the money in the order it was sent--this was no doubt to accommodate the copies made. You may revise the order in any way you like.

Thank you for your interest.

Sincerely,

M. Alice Conner PO Box 212

Davis Ca 95616

PS Are any of the signers of the money of 'historical note''?

FRIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

February 5, 1976

Mrs. M. Alice Conner P. O. Box 212 Davis, CA 95616

Dear Mrs. Conner:

I had a telephone call yesterday in which a dealer in the East wished to buy some Continental Currency, and I would like to have your permission to submit a portion of it to that dealer to see what price will be offered. Frankly, I think this is the best way of disposing of the portion you might wish to sell. I suggest sending approximately half of the items on which a bid can be made. Would you let me know your wishes.

There are over 260 signatures on Continental Currency and none of those included in your group are rare.

You sent me a picture of an additional \$40 note and I suggest that you send that item to me also.

If the Bank which said they might be interested in purchasing some of these items has real interest, we can submit a small set to them; but first let's find out what offer is available.

Sincerely yours,

Eric P. Nerman

EPN: jah

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

March 4, 1976

Mrs. M. Alice Conner P. O. Box 212 Davis, CA 95616

Dear Mrs. Conner:

Your nice letter of February 28, 1976 is at hand. You were very thoughtful to mention that my forthcoming book will be a very hot item. I am working on page proofs every day and it ought to be completed shortly.

With respect to the signatures of J. Wilson, I am putting in my book that those on the September 26, 1778 issue are those of Joseph Wilson who was authorized to be a signer. Those of James Wilson who was also authorized and who is the signer of the Declaration of Independence began with Jas. and are found only on the April 11, 1778, and the January 14, 1779 issue.

I will be glad to turn over the notes to you of your deans when he comes to this area. There is one request I would like to make. Your bill number 7030 for \$60 is a counterfeit and is slightly better than my example of that counterfeit. Would you permit me either to replace it with a genuine bill of the same issue or another counterfeit of the same, not quite as nice? Actually, you have two counterfeits of this particular denomination and issue. As far as selling them is concerned, don't worry about people offering to pay more than notes are worth. Value depends on popularity and not necessarily scarcity. Yours have a pedigree which most notes don't have, so sell them for whatever the traffic will bear.

I hope I have been of service to you.

Sincerely.

Eric P. Newman

EPN: jah

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DAVIS, CALIFORNIA 95616



Dear Mr. Newman:

Our letters always seem to cross paths! I would like to take some definite action on the continental currency, but feel as if I'm groping in the dark. It also seems unfair to put vou to all of this trouble.

We have loaned our framed currency and the letter plus the replica of the spoon given to J. Bowen by General Rochambeau which is also framed with a history. To add to the display we have put a copy from a page in a reference book re the life of Jabez Bowen. It has made a big hit in the towns where it has been displayed, but as a result we have been beseiged with requests from other businesses and cities to let them display it.

Back to the currency. One of the pieces we sent you and at least 3 or 4 pieces we have left have been signed by a J. Wilson-is that the Wilson who signed the decl. of ind. or the other Wilson? One of our Deans will be in St. Louis, Missouri in March and has offered to bring the money back for us. If it is valuable enough to sell, I would like to sell some-but it is difficult to say when I am not certain of the value. We have had many offers here, but I feel people are offering to pay more than the currency is worth. Is it actually that scarce?

In haste--

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DAVIS, CALIFORNIA 95616

February 3, 1976

To: Mr. Eric Newman

This in haste----. Please let me know what you think the total value of the continental currency is. Also, whether or not any of the signers are of any historic note. I have had several requests for the currency and letter in frame for bicentennial displays. However my son is reluctant to let it go. Many people have come to his store in Redding to have a look at the currency. Unfortunately the newspaper publicity got some of the family history background wrong, but it didn't seem worthwhile to correct them!

Sincerely,

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M. Alice Conner PO Box 212 Davis Ca 95616

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COPY OF LETTER

September 8, 1812

Memorandum of two bundles of old continental money received by me when Commissioner of Loans (I supposed according to Act of Congress) and I sent the same on to the Treasury by Benjamin Bowen, Esq. member of Congress --the Comptroller of the Treasury informed Mr. Bowen that the time for receiving this kind of money was expired and therefore I must lose the whole amount except Congress would open the door again. I exchanged real money for this sum in expectation of being reimbursed for the same on it being received by the Comptroller of the Treasury. I was not notified that there was a ..(unable.to read.tbis word) for limiting receipt of the same.

/s/ Jabez Bowen (late Commissioner of Loans)











DAVIS, CALIFORNIA 95616

May 14, 1976

Mr. Eric P. Newman PO Box 14020 St. Louis, Mo 63178

Dear Mr. Newman:

Please forgive me for taking so long to reply to your letter. Emergency illness in our family has made all other matters seem secondary.

At the moment I am unable to put my hands on your last letter, but believe you asked about exchanging one of my notes which was counterfeit. This would be all right with me. I feel you have been helpful with both your letters and your book--I am glad to return the favor. I am interested in selling most of the money and wonder if it would be best to sell it to private parties instead of dealers. Can you give me this one more piece of advice? At the moment extra cash seems to be more of a necessity than it was when we first corresponded. My friend did fly to St. Louis, but at that time I really didn't "have my act together"! As soon as I hear from you I'll get the money off your hands. The schools and many cities have enjoyed our display of the currency and the old letter--hopefully it will stimulate some interest in early American history.

Thank you again for your help. Is your updated book out yet? I would like to get one but have been unable to find one here.

Best wishes.

D. Rie Comer

6/4/76

Dear Eric - Wany thanks, here are the xeroxes, I have an interest in several of the pieces, but really don't want to make any specific bids until I hake seen them "in Vitro", If that becomes or Can't be come a problem, I would gladly write a check equal to \$25 are marked to me. It this suggestion or a similar type of accommodation counseles found, I of pups 10 pare - - the signatures are not among the santes With the preliminaries out of the way, these are the motes I'd like to see: HARATA ALAMA 1/14/79 2 33839 1/14/19 \$50 11912 1/14/19 \$40 \ Wm Romsey # 1/1egible

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Our current market

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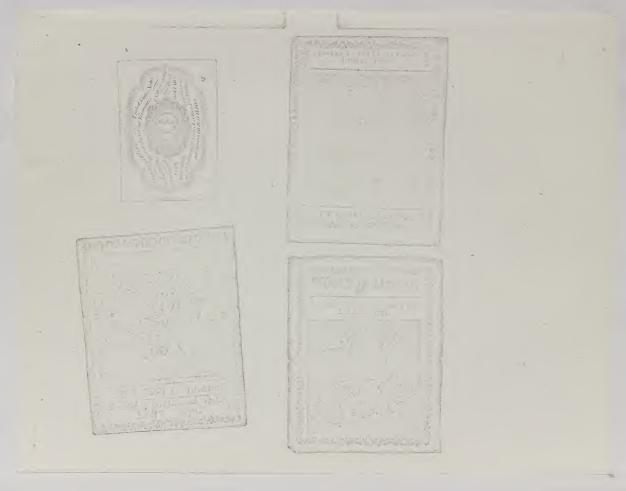
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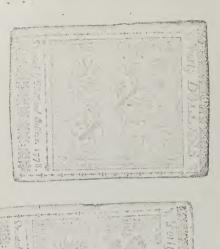
























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June 17, 1976

ifrs. Alice Conner f. (. Box 212 havis, CA 35016

Dear Mrs. Connor:

After receiving your recent letter I sent the pictures of the notes to a friend of mine who collects Continentals by variety. We will buy mine at \$25 or \$225. If you wish to accept this plane late enow and I'll return the balance and send you his check. The ones he picked are any average and not the beat because he wants signatures.

It books accounted for distribution on July 30, 177. This is colcurating the dicentennial a fittle late, but the publisher warted to to an accountly flat arrowing job to account for last 17-2.

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It was a leasure to be of help Ead I than you for letting improve the condition of one of your fact.

Timest recards,

Eric P Nerman

EFW: jah



DAVIS, CALIFORNIA 95616

July 20, 1976

Greetings:

We have received some extremely tempting offers for our continental currency and want to consider selling all or part of it. My attorney advises me he has not received the money from you. I will appreciate it very much if you could send it as soon as possible. His address is:

James Callaway Jr. 401 2nd St Davis, Ca 95616

Thanks.

M. Alice Conner PO Box 212

Davis, Ca 95616

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